

on unemployment, Annette uses the funds as a bridge to her next job—not to replace it.

The notion that relief discourages people from seeking jobs is not only wrong but outrageous. So today, I call on Republicans to stop hurting American workers. Stop playing politics with their lives and start letting the Senate and millions of Americans get back to work.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Mrs. SCHMIDT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SCHMIDT. Mr. Speaker, last week the State of Ohio announced that its unemployment rate for June was 10.5 percent. Every county in my district saw an increase, and in some areas it's higher than 14 percent. And that's before taking into account those people that have given up looking for work and the underemployed. No wonder my constituents continually ask, "Where are the jobs?"

Business leaders in my district and around the country continue to say the same thing. We need to stop this reckless spending in Washington and stop pursuing job-killing policies. When businesses are faced with new taxes to cover the government takeover of health care, the uncertainty of cap-and-trade tax legislation, and the litany of other taxes, how are they expected to hire new workers and reinvest in their business?

I am gravely concerned about the direction this Congress is taking with our economy. The reckless spending has to stop, and the massive debt which we are saddling our children and grandchildren with is unconscionable. It is time to put sound fiscal policies in place. Let's spend less, keep taxes low, and help create an environment in which small businesses can thrive. Only then in Ohio can we finally say, "Here come the jobs."

#### SOCIAL SECURITY

(Mr. SCHAUER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. SCHAUER. Mr. Speaker, over the last 75 years, Social Security has been secure and reliable for Americans approaching retirement. For some Americans, it's the backbone of their retirement; for others, it's all they have. Six out of 10 senior citizens in our country receive the majority of their income from Social Security and four out of 10 widows do. As a matter of fact, after our country's most recent economic disaster, even more seniors were left with only Social Security to rely on because they saw their retirement accounts dwindle at the hands of Wall Street.

We've already seen what can happen when we let Wall Street CEOs gamble with our life savings—we lose. We can-

not afford to gamble with our Nation's golden years, and privatization is just that—gambling.

We must work together to strengthen the promise of Social Security for our children and for our grandchildren and still meet the needs of those who depend on it now for income.

#### WHERE ARE THE JOBS?

(Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN. Mr. Speaker, everyone is asking, "Where are the jobs?" When will the liberal leadership in the House take action to get us out of this perpetual economic slump and have a plan to provide the jobs that American families need?

Unemployment nationally remains high at 9.5 percent for June, with the U.S. economy losing 125,000 jobs in that month alone. South Florida's unemployment rate has steadily increased to 12.8 percent. To add insult to injury, in my congressional district, we're still reeling from the perception of the gulf oil spill in our area. BP might have temporarily sealed the leak, but the damage has been done to south Florida's tourism economy. Commercial fishermen, charter boat captains, mom-and-pop restaurants, they're all feeling the economic pinch.

It is time to take a proven approach of providing tax relief, regulatory relief for families and small businesses, while reducing the debt, which is delaying future economic growth.

#### NATIONAL OCEANS POLICY

(Mr. FARR asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FARR. Mr. Speaker, 10 years ago, the United States Congress enacted legislation to create an Oceans Commission to look at how we can prevent the oceans from dying. Yesterday, the President of the United States enacted, by Executive order, the first national oceans policy and governance for the oceans and Great Lakes of the United States—our greatest national heritage and our greatest national trust.

We, the people, are going to be taking care of the oceans like they've never been taken care of before. We're not going to allow the conflicts of the sea of overfishing, of overmining, of overdrilling, of overeverything and dumping all of our waste and garbage and sewage into the oceans. We're now going to have a policy that's like the clean air policy, where we cleaned up the air in America, cleaned up the water in America with the Clean Water Act.

Thank you, Mr. President, for being the best steward our oceans have ever had and implementing the recommendations of the National Oceans Commission, which Congress enacted

but could not enact legislation. Hopefully, we'll move out from here and the world will see and the children will appreciate the actions that the President took yesterday.

#### IN SUPPORT OF SMALL BUSINESS

(Mr. LANCE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LANCE. Mr. Speaker, over the Fourth of July district work period, I met with small business leaders in central New Jersey. We discussed the state of the economy and how New Jersey's job creators are in dire need of free market solutions that will help them create jobs. Instead, Congress has put forth job-killing policies that include higher taxes, unchecked spending, and new health care mandates that continue to put a drag on small businesses across the Nation.

That's why I have joined a number of my colleagues from the Northeast in authoring a small business assistance plan that provides important tax relief, reduces paperwork requirements, and boosts small business lending. Our proposed measure focuses on letting small business owners keep more of what they earn to hire workers, buy new equipment, expand their companies, and spend less time filling out paperwork created by Federal mandates.

I urge my colleagues to help small businesses across the Nation and co-sponsor H.R. 5554.

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY

(Ms. SUTTON asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. SUTTON. Mr. Speaker, next month we will be celebrating the 75th anniversary of Social Security. Before 1935, half of America's seniors lived in poverty. Since FDR signed Social Security into law, we have upheld a sacred trust to our parents and grandparents that after decades of hard work, raising their children, and defending the U.S. against foreign enemies, that they would be able to retire with dignity and respect.

Three weeks ago, my colleague from Ohio, the House Republican leader, implied that we should raise the retirement age to 70 for everyone, office workers and construction workers alike, and cut Social Security benefits to help reduce the deficit and pay for the war in Afghanistan. Raiding Social Security in this way is both irresponsible, and it is a breach of trust.

We should not be gutting Social Security and breaching our sacred trust to America's seniors. It's amazing that Republicans are willing to gut Social Security and refuse unemployment compensation during these challenging times while at the same time arguing that we must preserve the tax cuts for the superwealthy.